



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION
DEVELOPMENT ACT 3 GRANTS**

DATE: 05-05-04

Approved

Date

Council District: Citywide

SNI: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution approving various pedestrian and bicycle projects to be submitted for 2004-05 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 grant funding in the amount of \$587,068 and authorizing the City Manager to take all steps necessary to accept any grant funds awarded to the City.

BACKGROUND

The State Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA 3) provides annual funding grants for the improvement of the pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers the grants for the nine-county Bay Area. MTC selects projects based on recommendations from member agencies. In Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) coordinates the local project selection process. For fiscal year 2004-05, a countywide total of approximately \$1,0972,928 in TDA3 funds will be available. The City expects to receive approximately \$587,068 of that total amount. Attachment A identifies proposed projects for the TDA3 grants. On March 1, 2004, the Building Better Transportation (BBT) Committee reviewed these projects and accepted a staff report related to funding strategies for bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements. The BBT Committee report was approved by the City Council on March 23, 2004.

ANALYSIS

The March 16, 2004 report to the Building Better Transportation Committee included an evaluation of available grant sources for bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements, an inventory list of improvement needs, and a strategy for pursuing grant funds. The recommended priorities for TDA3 funding grants included projects identified in the City's 2002 School Access

Enhancement Study, as well as Citywide programs as listed below and described in Attachment A):

- Ann Darling Elementary School Access Improvements (Council District 3)
- Cedar Grove Elementary School Access Improvements (Council District 8)
- Yerba Buena High School Access Improvements (Council District 7)
- Crosswalk and Bike Lane Development (Citywide)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education (Citywide)
- Curb Ramp Installation (Citywide)

Other City priorities for future grant funding related to bicycle and pedestrian improvements are noted on Attachment B. For “minor” projects having a cost of less than \$1 million, the plan is to seek grants from the Safe Routes to School and TDA3 programs to complete the remaining projects identified in the 2002 School Access Enhancement Study. For “major” projects having a cost in excess of \$1 million, the plan is to seek regional transportation funding grants through the VTA’s Valley Transportation Plan 2030 program (adopted on April 23, 2004).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The recommendations relating to the project priorities described in this report were coordinated with the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

COORDINATION

Preparation of this report was coordinated with the City Attorney’s Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations in this report would initiate grant funding requests in the amount of \$587,068. The anticipation of grant funding from the TDA3 program is included in the “Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities” line item in the Traffic Capital Improvement Program.

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Attachments

